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SUBJ: DR. JAMES FLETCHER'S VISIT

DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM
THROUGH YOU TO DR. JAMES FLETCHER, NASA ADMINISTRATOR,
FROM DR. KISSINGER, NSC:

QUOTE: IN THE LIGHT OF CERTAIN CURRENT DIFFICULTIES
IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NEW AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT OF
PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM, THE PRESIDENT WISHES YOU TO BE
GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
STATEMENTS:

-- THAT IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR AUSTRALIAN
COOPERATION IN SPACE MATTERS, YOU AVOID CITING THE WHITLAM
GOVERNMENT SPECIFICALLY AS THE FOCUS OF OUR GRATITUDE,
BUT RATHER DIRECT OUR THANKS TOWARD THE AUSTRALIAN NATION
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GENERALLY OR ITS SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL IN PARTICULAR.

-- THAT, IF PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS OF DEFENSE- RELATED ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL SPACE COOPERATION BECOMES UNAVOIDABLE, YOU AVOID ANY REFERENCE TO THE STRATEGIC NATURE OF OUR DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

-- THAT YOU AVOID, AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, ADDING SIGNIFICANT NEW DIMENSIONS OF OUR SPACE COOPERATION WITH AUSTRALIA, EITHER BY SPECIFIC AGREEMENT OR BY EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCH EXPANDED COOPERATION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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